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1. The Centro Lituanio del Uruguay (Lithuanian Center of Uruguay) is a Communist-dominated organization with an approximate membership of 200 persons. It maintains its headquarters in a building located at Avenida Agraciada 2763. The Building is owned by the club and was purchased for about 17,000 Uruguayan pesos. Common gossip has it the money was provided by the Russian Legation. The same club also maintains a branch in a section of Montevideo known as El Cerro, and it is expected that this branch will also purchase a club house for the purpose of holding its meetings. The Centro Lituanio del Uruguay is an affiliate of the Russian cultural association Sociedad Cultural Maximo Gorki (SO 4776).
2. The officers of the Centro Lituanio del Uruguay are:
Antonio (Antanas) Vaivuskas, President
Jorge (Jurgis) Janulionis, Secretary
Juan (Jonas) Kanopa, Treasurer
3. The club also maintains an official newspaper, Darbas, printed in the Lithuanian language, which has a circulation of about 1,500. The editor and assistant editor respectively are Antonio Vaivuskas and Jorge Janulionis, both of whom are alleged to receive their salaries from the Soviet Legation. Both Darbas and the club follow the Communist Party line completely.
4. As a matter of interest, there are approximately 7,000 in the Lithuanian colony of Montevideo. In their political ideology, they are divided into two groups, one of which is democratically inclined and the other is completely Communist-minded.

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